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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Eric P. Plourde et al.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of October 23, 2002, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on January 22, 2003

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